

# Hill AFB's Focus on Sustainable Choices in Environmental Restoration

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# Goals

**E2S2** – Provide an opportunity to share ideas on how to improve energy, environmental and sustainability management

**My Presentation** – Give you the roadmap of the steps taken by Hill AFB Restoration Program to enable more sustainable solutions for remediation systems



# Presentation Outline

- Sustainability Drivers
- Overview Hill AFB
- Two Approaches
- Results
- Lessons Learned





# Sustainability Drivers



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stewardship

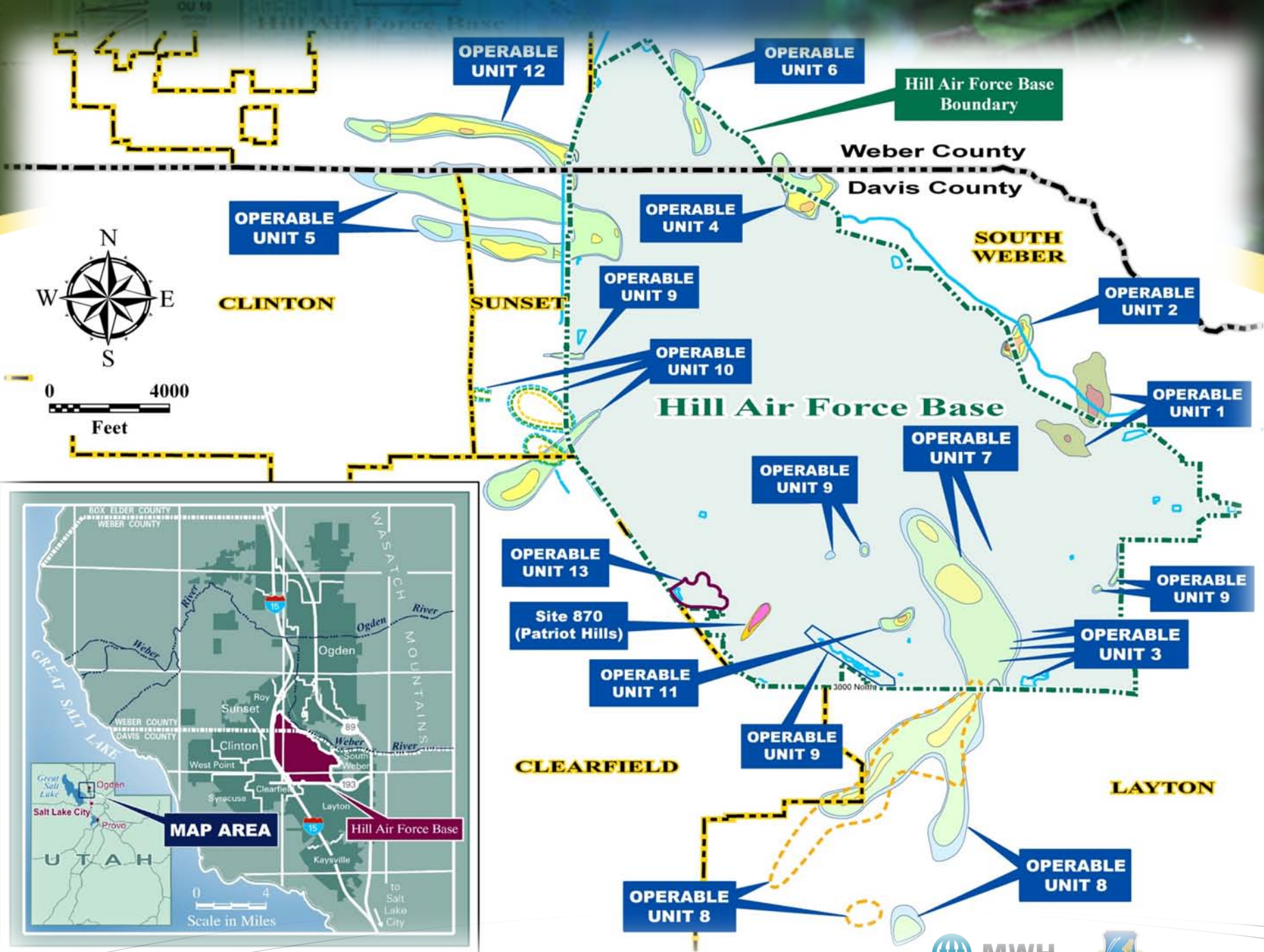


Fiscal  
responsibility



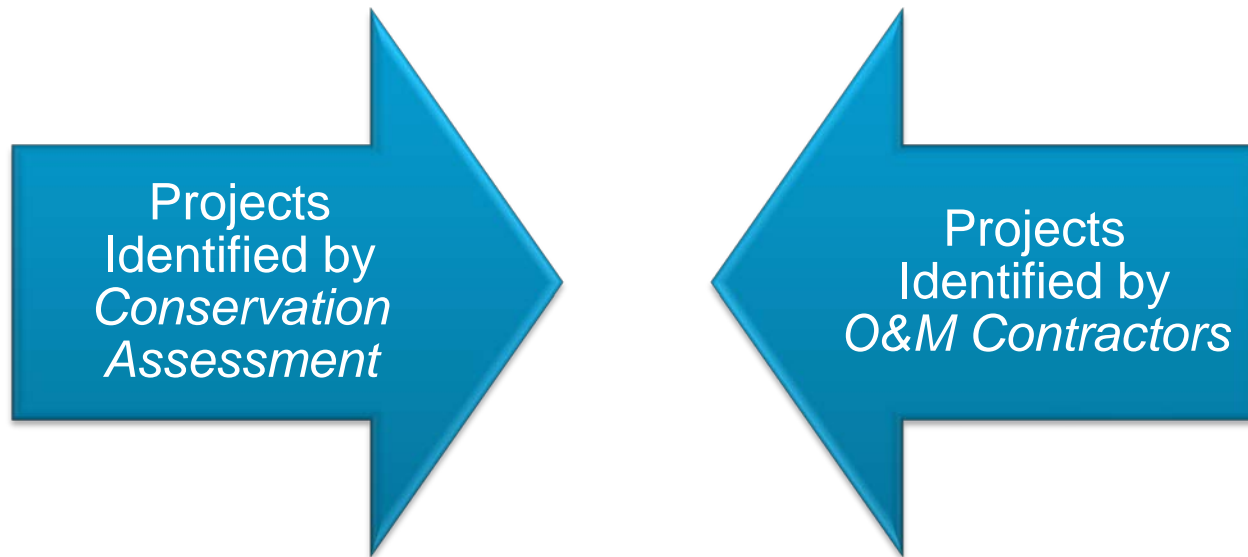
Formal drivers

- Executive Orders
- AF Infrastructure Energy Strategic Plan
- US EPA – Green Remediation
- DoD Memorandum of 10 August 2009 – specific to GR



# Approaches

## Two Approaches for Identifying Energy, Carbon, Water, and Labor Savings



Each Approach Had Different Incentives

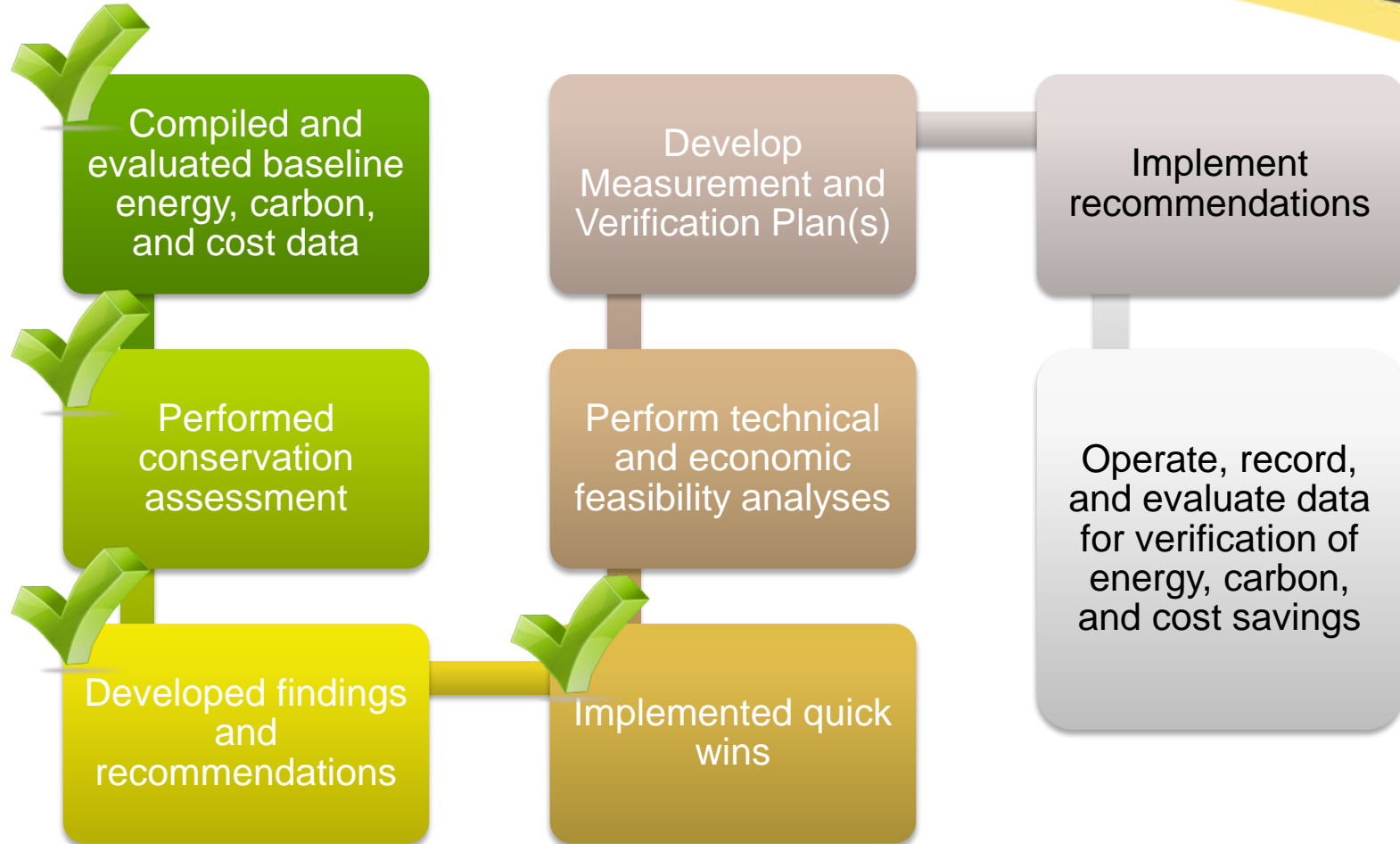


# Projects Identified by the Conservation Assessment

*Primary Incentive: Energy, Carbon and Water Use Reductions*



# Conservation Assessment Approach



# Conservation Assessment Recommendations

**35** site-specific, **3** basewide

## Estimated Savings

395,000 kWh/yr (35%)

358,000 lb CO<sub>2</sub>/yr (29%)

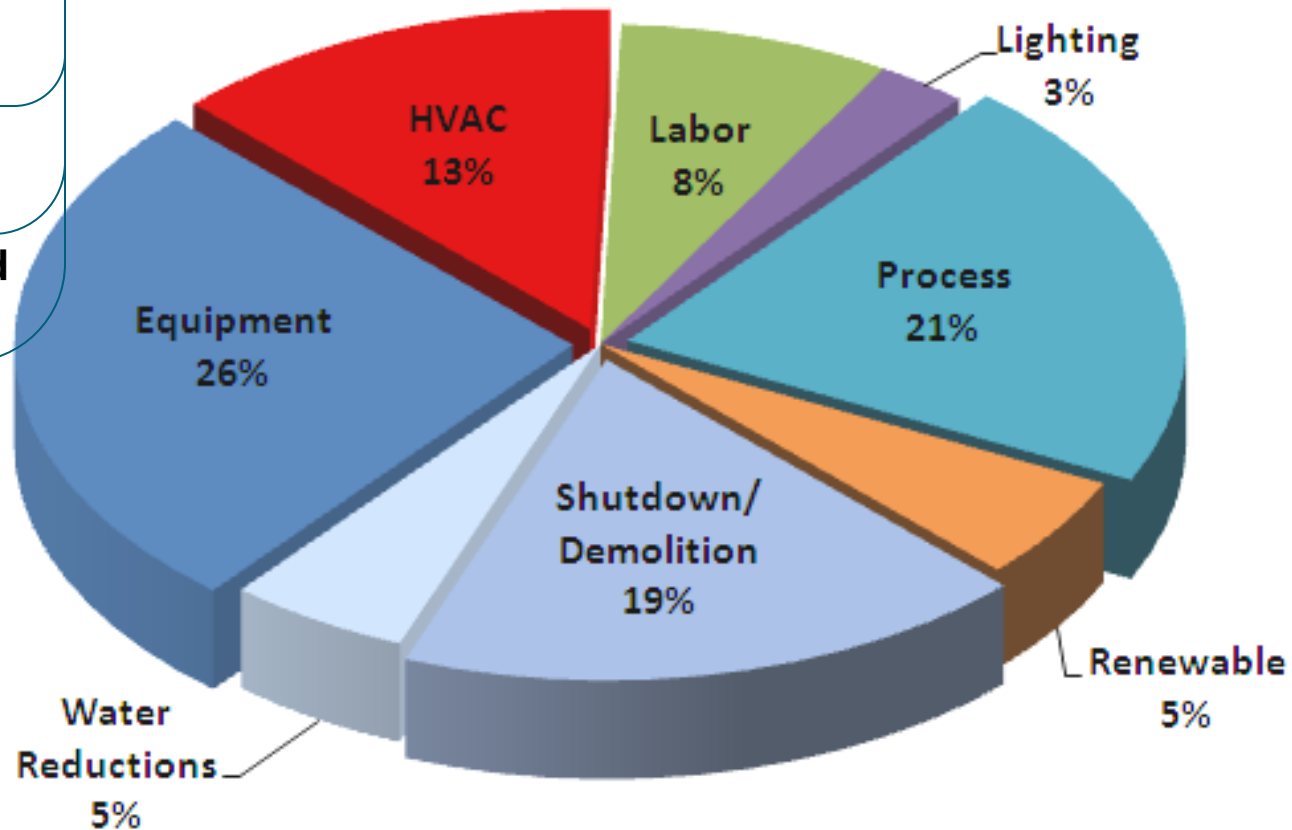
\$268,500 (17%)

## Estimated Investment

\$652,000

## Estimated Payback Period

2.4 years



# Next Steps

- ✓ Implemented “quick-win” recommendations
  - Quick payback period
  - Relatively small investment
  - Not complicated
- ✓ Proceeded with feasibility study and robust cost/benefit analysis of 8 additional engineering-intensive recommendations

# Example of Cost-Benefit Analysis

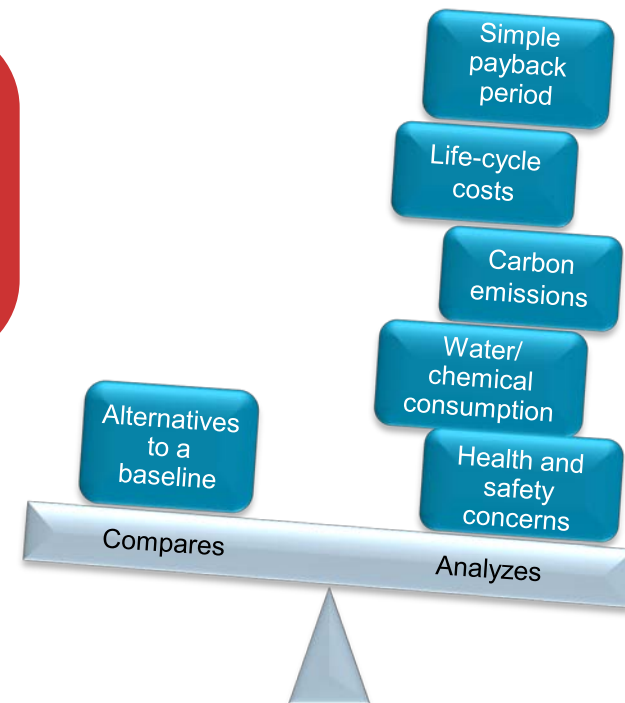
Cost/Benefit Analysis for **Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Arrays at Six Meter Buildings and Central Facilities Building (CFB) Using On-Base Electricity Rates (Rate Schedule 9) (1-7)**

Date of Evaluation **12/16/2010**

Operable Unit **1**

System **Groundwater Containment System (GCS)**

Parameter	Baseline	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4
Equipment/Method/Procedure	Grid Power	900 W PV Array at 4 Small Meter Buildings	1.4 kW PV Array at 2 Large Meter Buildings	9.9 kW PV Array at CFB	PV Array at All Buildings
<b>Non-recurring Costs</b>					
Field Labor (\$)	\$ -	\$ 4,070	\$ 2,030	\$ 3,050	\$ 9,150
Engineering/Design Labor (\$)	\$ -	\$ 5,410	\$ 5,410	\$ 5,410	\$ 5,410
Administration (\$)	\$ -	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350
<b>Total Labor Cost (\$)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,830</b>	<b>\$ 9,790</b>	<b>\$ 10,810</b>	<b>\$ 16,910</b>
Mileage (\$)	\$ -	\$ 410	\$ 230	\$ 290	\$ 470
<b>Total Other Direct Costs (\$)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 410</b>	<b>\$ 230</b>	<b>\$ 290</b>	<b>\$ 470</b>
Installation Subcontractor for Alternative (\$)	\$ -	\$ 26,980	\$ 18,590	\$ 58,390	\$ 103,960
<b>Total Subcontractor Costs (\$)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 26,980</b>	<b>\$ 18,590</b>	<b>\$ 58,390</b>	<b>\$ 103,960</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 39,220</b>	<b>\$ 28,610</b>	<b>\$ 69,490</b>	<b>\$ 121,340</b>
<b>Recurring Costs</b>					
kWhr Required For System Operation (kWhr/yr) <sup>(a)</sup>	233,928	233,928	233,928	233,928	233,928
kWhr Produced by Alternative Oct - Apr (kWhr/yr) <sup>(b)</sup>	-	2,516	1,956	6,850	11,322
kWhr Produced by Alternative May - Sept (kWhr/yr) <sup>(b)</sup>	-	2,520	1,960	6,860	11,340
kWhr Required from Grid Oct-Apr (kWhr/yr)	176,580	174,064	174,624	169,730	165,258
kWhr Required from Grid May-Sept (kWhr/yr)	57,348	54,828	55,388	50,488	46,008
Average Peak Load Savings by Alternative Oct-Apr (kW) <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	-	2.9	2.2	7.8	12.8
Average Peak Load Savings by Alternative May-Sept (kW) <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	-	2.7	2.1	7.4	12.3
Cost per year savings using PV array (\$/yr)	\$ -	\$ 470	\$ 380	\$ 1,390	\$ 2,240
Cost per year from Grid Rate Schedule (\$/yr)	\$ 6,050	\$ 5,580	\$ 5,670	\$ 4,660	\$ 3,810
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 6,050</b>	<b>\$ 5,580</b>	<b>\$ 5,670</b>	<b>\$ 4,660</b>	<b>\$ 3,810</b>
<b>Replacement Costs</b>					
Life Cycle	25	25	25	25	25
Replacement Costs (\$) <sup>(d)</sup>	\$ -	\$ 11,070	\$ 8,300	\$ 26,730	\$ 46,100
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,070</b>	<b>\$ 8,300</b>	<b>\$ 26,730</b>	<b>\$ 46,100</b>
<b>Simple Payback Period (yrs)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Anticipated Life-Cycle Costs (20 year)</b>	<b>\$ 121,000</b>	<b>\$ 178,720</b>	<b>\$ 170,360</b>	<b>\$ 185,990</b>	<b>\$ 216,590</b>
<b>Anticipated Life-Cycle Cost Savings (20 year)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ (57,720)</b>	<b>\$ (49,360)</b>	<b>\$ (64,990)</b>	<b>\$ (95,590)</b>



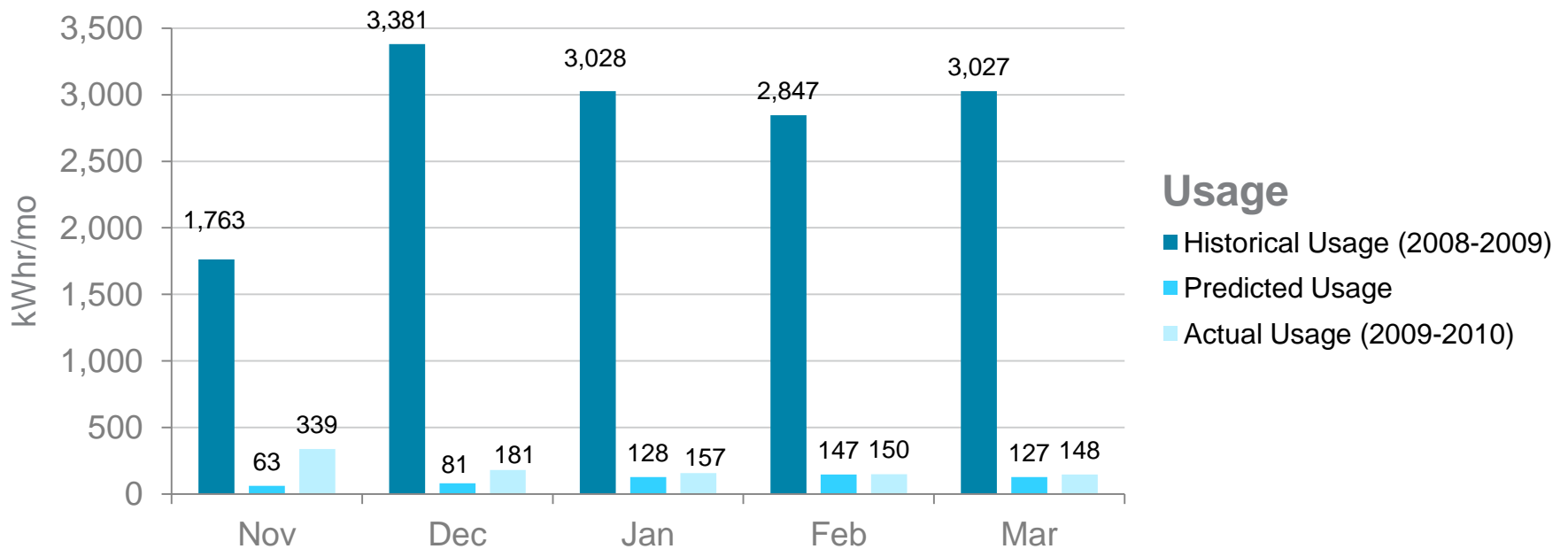


# Selected Projects from Cost/Benefit Analyses

4 of the 8 projects got green light for implementation

- Inactivate HVAC at system process building and installed heat trace on piping
- Maximize use of off-peak electricity rates for extraction wells at two on-Base OUs instead of pumping 24/7
- Inactivate air stripper and route extracted groundwater directly to sanitary sewer
- Replace existing landscaping with xeriscaping at two off-Base sites located in residential neighborhoods

# Example of Measurement & Verification Approach

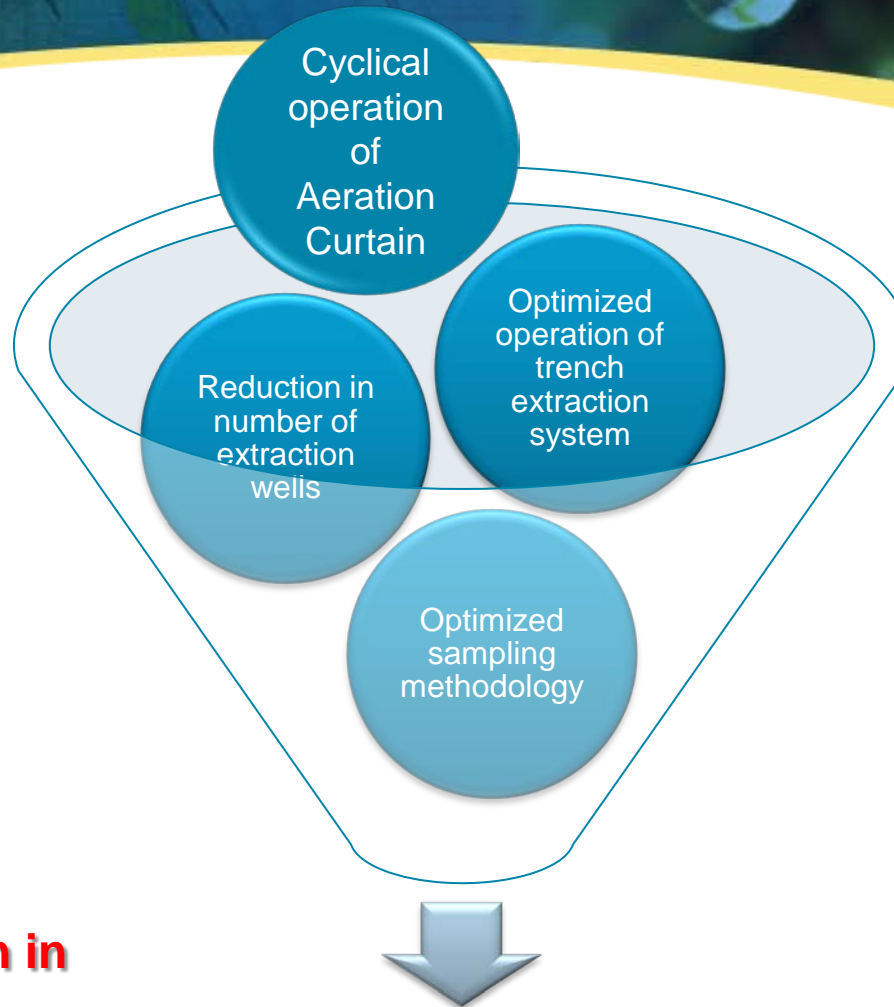




# Projects Identified by O&M Contractors

*Primary Incentive: Labor Savings*

# Recommendations Identified by O&M Contractors



**Implementation plan in place for each recommendation to ensure no deterioration in system performance**

**Labor Savings to O&M Contractor**



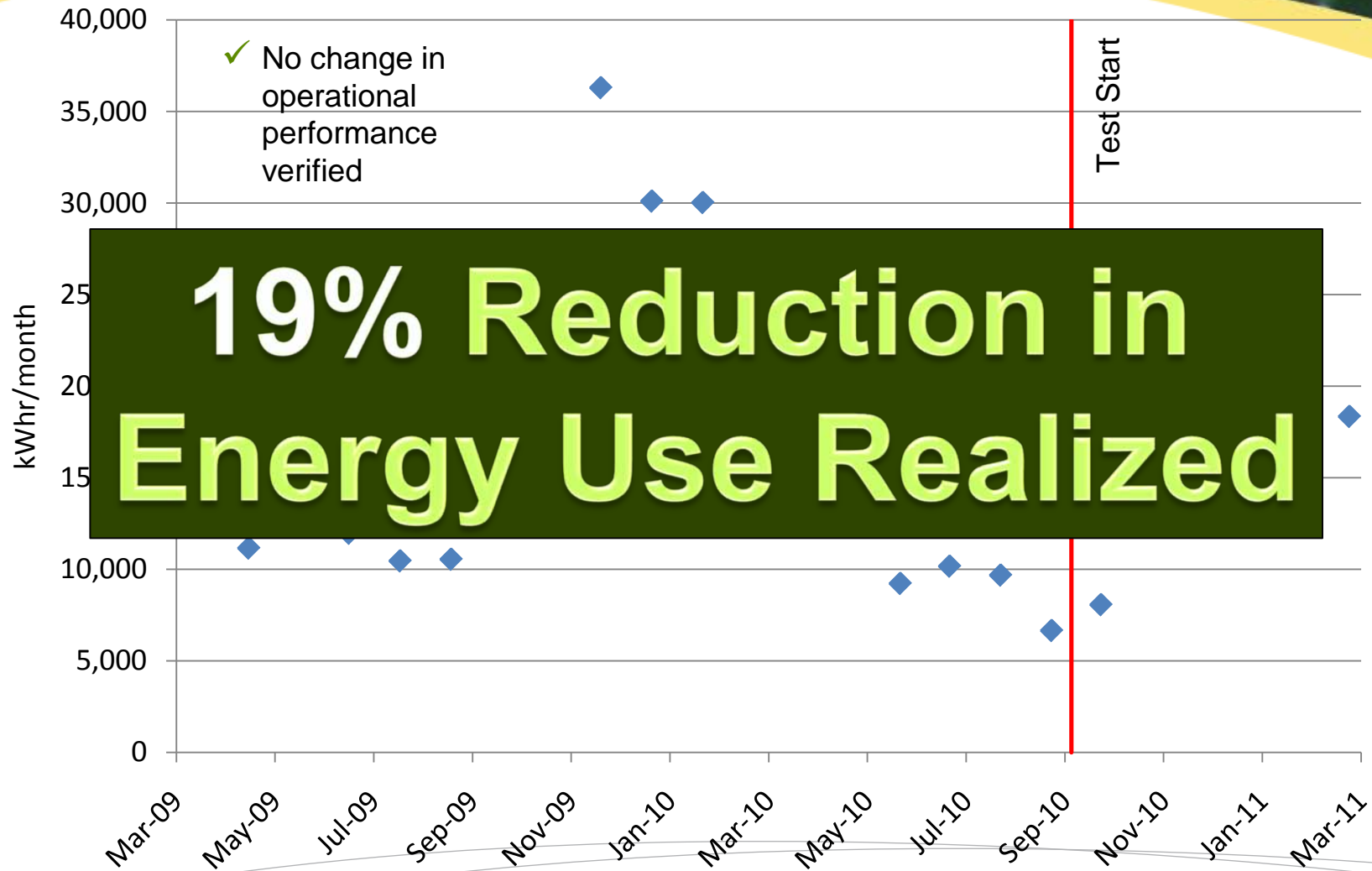


# Results for Implemented Projects and Predicted Results for Planned Projects

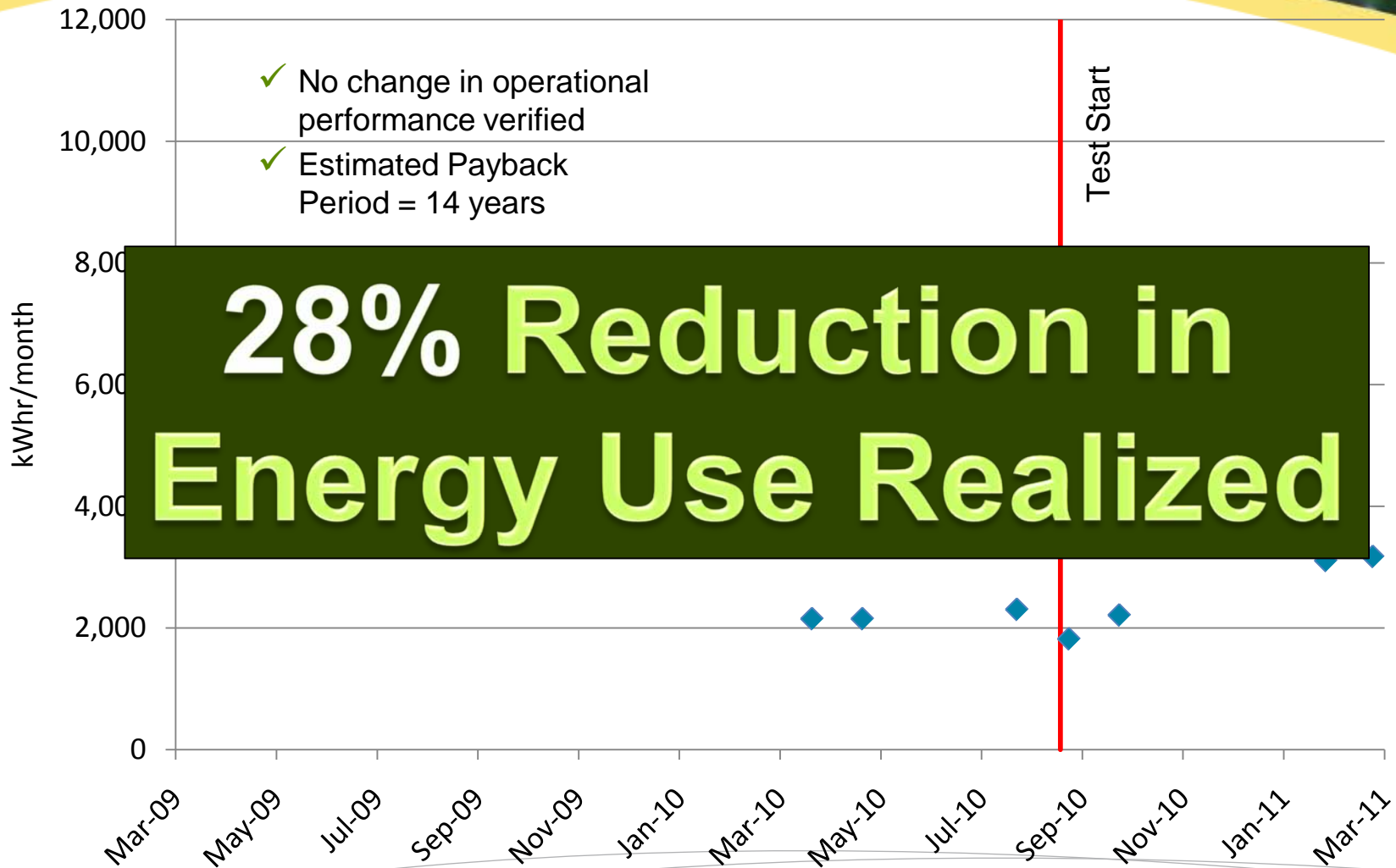
# Cyclical Operation of Aeration Curtain

- Alternated aeration operations among 3 modules on 24-hour increments instead of all modules 24/7
- Test performed with existing blower therefore no electricity savings realized during 3-month test
- Implemented recommended modifications in March 2011
- Projected:
  - 35 to 45% electricity savings
  - Payback period = 7 years

# Operation of Reduced Number of Extraction Trenches



# Operation of Reduced Number of Extraction Wells

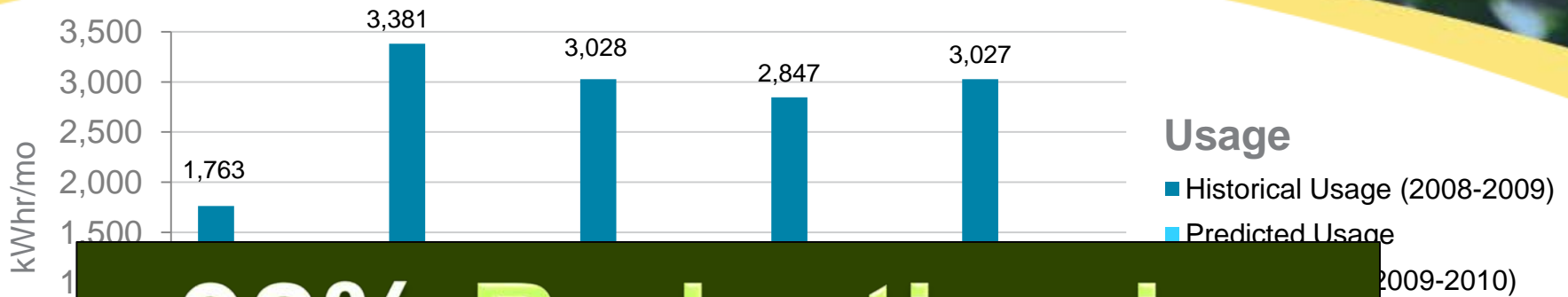




# Implemented Passive Sampling Basewide

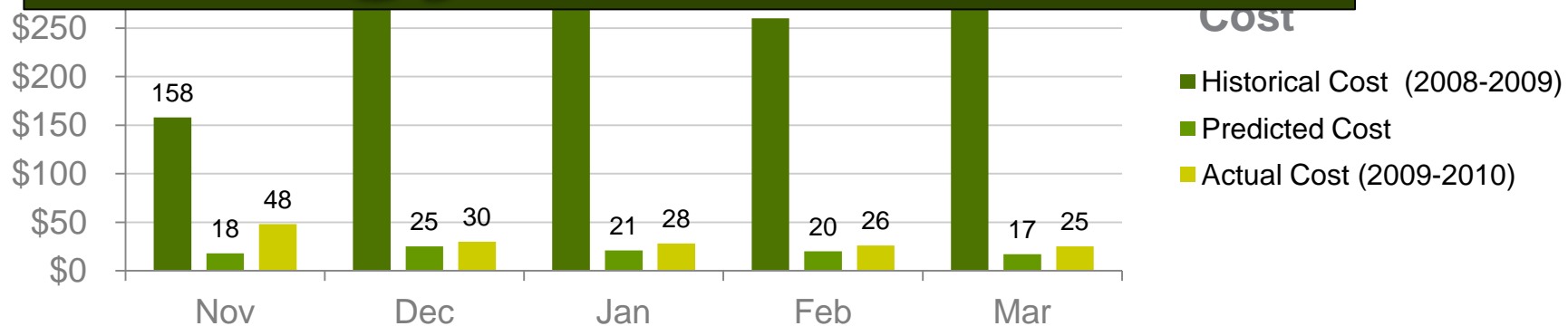
- Changing standard purge and low-flow sampling to passive methodology (Hydrasleeve)
- Projected:
  - 58% CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction
  - 61% labor and equipment savings
  - 99.8% reduction in water use/extraction/treatment
  - \$5.4M over 20 years

# HVAC Decommissioning



**Payback period < 10 years**

**Energy Use Realized**



# Summary of Planned Projects

**Combined estimated payback  
for planned projects = 3.7 years**

**Estimated Water Savings =  
945,000 gallons/year**

## STATUS

- Waiting on funding approval
- Implementation anticipated in Spring/Summer 2011

# Total Savings from Implementation



Energy Reductions – **200,000 kWh/year (16%)**



CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Reductions – **220,000 lbs/year (17%)**



Water Reductions – **1,000,000 gal/year**



Investment – **\$530,000**



Program Savings – **\$430,000/year (11%)**



Overall Payback Period – **1.2 years**



# Lessons Learned

- ✓ Implement quick wins
- ✓ Labor savings outweighed energy savings
- ✓ M&V plans critical to understanding true effect of project
- ✓ Technology insertion may make more sense than system optimization
- ✓ Design systems with future operations in mind – retrofitting costly
- ✓ Contract incentives to identify and share in energy saving ideas
- ✓ Longer-duration contracts
- ✓ Ability to bundle energy-saving projects
- ✓ Methodology transferrable

# Discussion

A small, realistic-looking globe of the Earth is positioned in the center of the frame, resting on a bed of vibrant green grass. The globe shows the continents of North and South America, surrounded by blue oceans and white clouds. The grass blades are long and pointed, with some showing signs of being cut or broken. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day, and the overall composition is centered and balanced.

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